



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: Sheila McCant
Phone: (225) 342-9795

DATE: September 7, 2006

ST. GERMAIN IS FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR

State Rep. Karen St. Germain was recently named the 2006 Legislator of the Year by the Louisiana State Fireman's Association (LSFA).

The award was presented at the group's annual banquet in New Orleans.

The LSFA said St. Germain was chosen for her assistance with the USAR Commission as well as her legislation which provides an appeals process regarding ratings.

"It is an honor to participate in the passage of this type of legislation that benefits all Louisiana citizens. I am humbled to receive this award from a group of heroes who too often go unrewarded," St. Germain said.

In a prepared statement the group called St. Germain, "A real friend of the Louisiana Fire Service," and went on to say that "this relatively new legislator has assisted with the state USAR Commission and also authored legislation that provides fire chiefs a mechanism to challenge assigned PIAL/ISO ratings through a new appeals process."

A local fireman brought the need for the legislation to St. Germain's attention. A committee was then formed to give an overall view of the needs of the fire service in dealing with the ratings issues. These ratings affect the cost of insurance on homes and businesses in an area. The better the fire district is rated, the lower the cost of insurance.

##